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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 17, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00226

Ex Parte: Establishment of a
Performance Assurance Plan
for Verizon Virginia Inc.

FOURTH PRELIMINARY ORDER

On March 13, 2002, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued an Order Suspending Reply Comments, which allowed Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") an indefinite postponement while it participated in further discussions with the Staff and members of the Performance Standards/Remedies Plans Subcommittee of the Collaborative Committee ("Subcommittee").

On April 9, 2002, Verizon Virginia filed a Motion for Adoption of a new Performance Assurance Plan with an attachment ("VA PAP") that it represents to be the consensus product of the Subcommittee. However, Verizon Virginia notes the one issue that participants of the Subcommittee were unable to agree upon is the effective date for the proposed VA PAP.

The Commission now finds that all parties should have an opportunity to file comments and/or requests for hearing on the

VA PAP filed by Verizon Virginia on April 9, 2002. In particular, the Commission requests the parties address the effective date of the Virginia PAP. If no requests for hearing are filed, the Commission may enter an order on the VA PAP filed April 9, 2002, without further proceedings.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) All parties are granted leave to file comments and/or requests for hearing on or before April 26, 2002.

(2) All parties are granted leave to file reply comments on or before May 8, 2002.

(3) This case is now continued.